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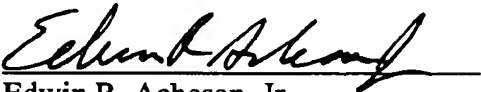
REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended Applicants' attorney during a phone call on July 27, 2004. Pursuant to that discussion, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination and submitting this Amendment, in conjunction with filing a Petition To Withdraw the application from issue.

The changes to the claims provide clarification to the claims, such as addressing potential antecedent basis issues which may have been present in the claims as previously allowed, and are not being made for reasons of patentability. Thus, the claims remain entitled to the full scope under the doctrine of equivalents. Applicants request that the Examiner indicate if he believes that any of these amendments are made for reasons of or relevant to patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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